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The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I want notice of the question."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the stud bull was one which was already in the farm or whether it was purchased from outside? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" Notice."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" Has the bull been exchanged since? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" Notice."

Medical Administration

Competence of the District Medical Officer, Ramnad, to treat medical and surgical cases.

* 217 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. ARASU: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of years that the present District Medical Officer of Ramnad (Rao Bahadur Dr. K. Raghavendra Rao) has been in the Public Health Department;

(*b*) whether during that period he has been in touch with the curative side of medicine; and

(*c*) whether he is now competent to treat medical and surgical cases ?

A.—(*a*) For over 17 years including service in the Corporation of Madras.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) He is considered competent to do the work to which he has been appointed.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know whether the hon. Minister will be pleased to state the reason as to why he has not been engaged in medical and surgical cases? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" Evidently the Surgeon-General has not found him fit for such a work."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether he was given a refresher course before his being posted as District Medical Officer? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" Not that I am aware of."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know the reason why that a medical man with so many years of service should not be asked to treat medical and surgical cases? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" Because he was not considered fit for such an appointment."